

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The sixth annual meeting of The Wilson Ornithological Club was held December 29 and 30 at St. Louis, Mo. As an affiliated organization of the American Association for the Advancement of Science the meetings of the club were held with those of the Association in the new Soldan High School building.

MORNING SESSION, DECEMBER 29.

The first session of the meeting was opened at 10 a. m. by the President, Professor Myron H. Swenk, of the University of Nebraska, and the morning was given over to business. First in order was the reading of a report submitted by the retiring Treasurer, F. M. Phelps. By careful management during the year a small cash balance was shown to the credit of the Club. A report was made by Secretary Ganier on his activities for the year. Editor Jones gave the status and told the needs of the official organ, The Wilson Bulletin. President Swenk gave a resume of the work of the past year and outlined many activities that could be profitably undertaken in the next.

The matter of increasing the size of The Wilson Bulletin was discussed with interest and it developed that a number of papers were on the editor's waiting list. A considerable advance in the cost of printing had made it necessary to cut the size of The Bulletin, and to meet this added cost it was decided upon that active steps be taken to increase the Club's membership.

The furnishing of separate copies of the main articles in The Bulletin, when desired by the contributor, was taken up and it was decided not to discontinue the practice when contributors make request in advance and bear the actual cost of the reprints. A schedule of these costs will be published elsewhere.

Suggestions as to the place of the next annual meeting were brought up and it was decided to meet in Chicago, in December, 1920, again with the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Stephens, Gunthorp and Ganier was appointed to look into the suggestion that the name of the Wilson Ornithological Club be changed to the Wilson Ornithological Society, and make their report at the next annual meeting.

A list of twenty-five new members, recommended by the Council, was read by the Secretary and ratified by the Club.

President Swenk closed the session by naming a committee to nominate officers for the new year.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The nominating committee handed in the following list of names for officers during 1920:

President—Dr. R. M. Strong, Chicago, Ill.

Vice-President—Harry C. Oberholser, Washington, D. C.

Secretary—Albert F. Ganier, Nashville, Tenn.

Treasurer—George L. Fordyce, Youngstown, Ohio.

Editor—Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio.

Council—Dr. M. H. Swenk, Lincoln, Neb.; Dr. T. C. Stephens, Sioux City, Iowa; Dr. B. R. Bales, Circleville, Ohio.

A motion accepting the report of the nominating committee was carried and the new officers declared elected.

The papers for the afternoon session were as follows:

"The Teaching of Ornithology in the Colleges of the Middle West" (charts), Prof. Horace Gunthorp, Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas.

"The New Standard Catalog for Oölogical Exchange" (charts), Dr. Blenn R. Bales, Circleville, Ohio.

"Some Interesting Records of Nebraska Birds for the Year 1919," C. E. Mickel and R. W. Dawson, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebr.

"Observations on Habits and Behavior in the Genus *Tyrannus*" (slides), Dr. T. C. Stephens, Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa.

"A Robin Roost" (slides), Prof. A. C. Webb, Nashville, Tenn.

"The Terns of the Lake Erie Islands" (slides), Prof. Z. P. Metcalf, A. and M. College, W. Raleigh, N. C.

"The Cormorant-Heron Rookery at Reelfoot Lake, Tenn" (photos), Albert F. Ganier, Nashville, Tenn.

The evening session was held down town and consisted in a sociable and informal exchange of experiences and ideas, followed by a substantial bill of fare.

MORNING SESSION, DECEMBER 30.

After the disposal of several minor matters of business, the program was resumed.

Mr. Otto Widman exhibited several specimens of considerable interest, including a hybrid between the Fulvous and Black-bellied Tree Ducks. This specimen had been collected in Missouri.

The following papers came in order:

"Whippoorwill Calls" (charts), Prof. Dayton Stoner, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

"Observations on the Birdlife of Central Illinois," Prof. Thos. L. Hankinson, Charleston, Ill.

"The Summer Life of *Tringa canutus* (Knot), in N. W. Greenland," W. Elmer Ekblaw, University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.

"The Preferred Method of Treatment of Local Bird Lists," Dr. Lynds Jones, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

"Three Ornithological Pilgrimages," Miss Althea R. Sherman, National, Iowa.

"Some Observations in the Kalamazoo Valley" (slides), Gerald Alan Abbott, Otsego, Mich.

The program was completed by the reading of the address of the retiring President, a most interesting and instructive paper, entitled, "A Century of Change in the Ornithology of Nebraska" (Prof. Myron H. Swenk, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebr.).

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The papers and business of the meeting having been disposed of, the Club split for joint meetings with the Zoölogists and the Entomologists.

The sessions of the St. Louis meeting were most interesting and profitable.